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The Ultimate Aim is Hard to Realize:


Subhuti:

A doer of what is hard is the Bodhisattva who, while coursing in perfect wisdom, does not lose heart when the perfection of wisdom is being preached,

and does not mentally turn away from it, who persists in making endeavors about the perfection of wisdom and does not turn back on the supreme enlightenment.

And why? This development of perfect wisdom is like the development of space. But in space there can be no development of perfect wisdom and the





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public schedule

mondays

- * 7:00 am zazen
- * 7:40 am morning chanting service

- 6:00 pm zazen
- 6:40 pm evening chanting service

- * last monday of each month, no morning schedule

perfection of wisdom cannot be conceived in space, nor the other perfections, nor the skandas, ect. *to*: nor the supreme enlightenment.

Subhuti:

I pay homage to the Bodhisattvas, the great beings, who are armed with this amour. Those who for the sake of beings put on the amour want to exert themselves and to struggle for the sake of space, and they want to liberate space. Armed with the great armour are the Bodhisattvas who put on armour for the sake of dharma which are like space.

THE TRAINING IS DIFFICULT

They want to get rid of space or the firmament, those who for the sake of beings put on armour.

[The Large Sutra on Perfect Wisdom, with the Divisions of the Abhisamayalankara - Tr and edited by Edward Coonze](#)



upcoming events:

dharma talks @10:15am **saturdays**

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey - sept 26 -- oct 3, 10 & 🍁 31

Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - TBD

guest speakers

Anshi Daiqi, Zachary Smith - sept 19; **Ryuko, Laura Burges** - oct 17;

Fugan, Eugene Bush - nov 14; **Ryuei, Michael McCormick** - dec 12

full moon ceremony - **saturday, Sept 26 @11am Harvest Moon-** This full moon's name is attributed to Native Americans because it marked when corn was supposed to be harvested. Most often, the September full moon is actually the Harvest Moon, which is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October. At the peak of harvest, farmers can work late into the night by the light of this Moon.

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time



Usually the full Moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each night, but for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time each night: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the U.S., and only 10 to 20 minutes later for much of Canada and Europe. Corn, pumpkins, squash, beans, and wild rice the chief Indian staples are now ready for gathering.

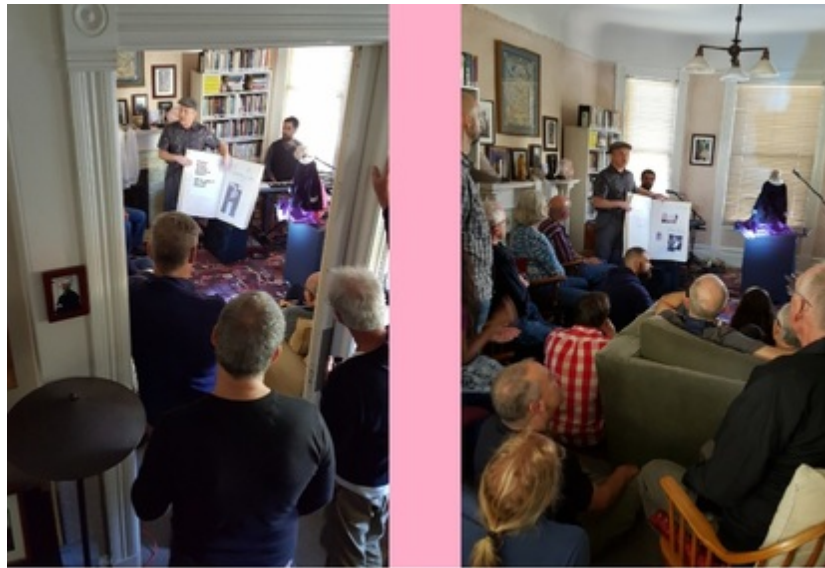
study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dogen. [see our website](#) for details. So far all have been from the Dogen Shobogenzo version compiled and translated by [Kazuaki Tanahashi](#).

closure & schedule changes -

first monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.



from the Issan Dorsey segment of the performance piece [blackbird](#) performed for the Issan 25th founder memorial two day event - Sept 5&6, 2015



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words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...part of our practice, the Bodhisattva vow of course, is to be willing to give up everything. Since body-mind is constellated around tension that really makes for quite a—some would say an impractical and I would say a noble—vow.

Sometimes we feel the weight of it because the vow is pushing against the tremendous, a very karmically strong, tension. That of course is the borderland between sentient beings and Buddhas, insofar as there is a borderland. This tension or dynamic is an interplay between sentient beings and Buddhas that goes all the way back in the teaching. In the earliest teachings that we do have, there is this funny dynamic between sentient beings on the one hand and Buddhas on the other. The ultimate teaching of course being that there is no distinction except when it comes to practicing Buddhadharma. This is of course what Dōgen is saying in his luminous essay Genjokoan.

As soon as we talk about sentient beings and Buddhas, we have practice, birth and death, delusion, realization and so forth. Really, practice is about leaping beyond those. Again, leaping sounds like something you do—like you are an Olympic runner or pole vaulter or something. But, it's not that kind of leap anymore than dropping body and mind is a kind of dropping that we do. So we see this dynamic springing up over and over again in Buddhadharma as people practice Buddha's teaching and compare all of the implications thereof, talk about it, and experiment in different ways of practice. The root is always the same.

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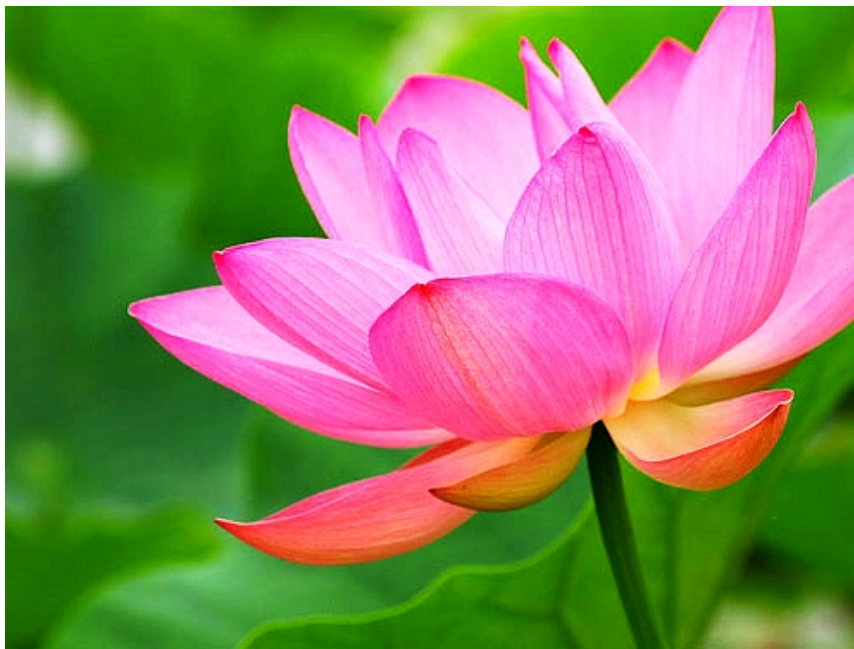
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hszc history (hszc news, autumn 2004)

Tea Ceremony

by John King

I've been to two tea events recently. As you may know, dress and forms are very important to the Japanese. It's beautiful to see the elegant kimonos and the graceful movements. This last event was at Sokoji temple in front of the altar. As the ceremony was about to begin, Akiba Roshi lit the candles on the altar, and I was reminded that the first Jesuits in Japan saw similarities between the tea ceremony and the Mass.

Both the Mass and the tea ceremony came out of the simple act of sharing a meal or a cup of tea with friends. At Jesus' last meal with his disciples he said: Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this is my blood.

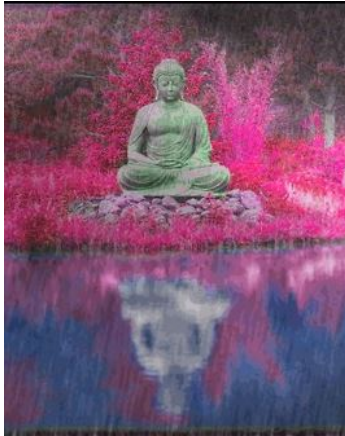
Sen no Rikyu, the founder of the Japanese tea ceremony, was ordered by his lord, Hideyoshi, to commit hara-kiri (ritual suicide). Suzuki Roshi comments that just before Rikyu took his own life, he said: When I have this sword, there is no Buddha and no Patriarchs. He meant that when we have the sword of big mind, there is no dualistic world. The only thing which exists is this spirit. This kind of imperturbable spirit was always present in Rikyu's tea ceremony. He never did anything in just a dualistic way; he was ready to die in each moment. In ceremony after ceremony, he died and he renewed himself. This is the spirit of the tea ceremony.

Just after Jesus' death, two of his disciples were walking along a road. As they were talking about his death, a stranger joined them. Later, in sharing a meal with the stranger, they realized he was Jesus. As a child, hearing this story I thought, why didn't they recognize him from his appearance? I think what happened was, as they shared a meal, they suddenly could see the divine, the Jesus, in this stranger. Or as Shakyamuni Buddha said when he saw the morning star: Oh, it is wonderful to see Buddha nature in everyone and everything.

It is with this spirit that we live our lives.



fundraising help needed Oct 4th!-



It's that time again! The Castro Street Fair 2015 is Sunday October 4 and we NEED YOU! Hartford Street Zen Center has been selected as a neighborhood beneficiary -- which means that your time volunteering is fun*draising for your temple. From your requests HSZC will not have our own gate this year. ALL sign-ups, for many different activities, must be made with the EventBrite link:

<http://castrostreetfairvolunteer.eventbrite.com?s=43209011>

Please gather your fellow sangha members, family and friends to help us make this year's Castro Street Fair another success!

"For the Neighborhood, About the Neighborhood, By the Neighborhood"
Harvey Milk about The Castro Street Fair

We are in hopes of seeing this years funds we earn bring us more book shelves for the expanding, amazing hszc library and possibly some added updates to the main floor.

HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
 thursdays & fridays
 10:30am zazen
 11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
 fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
 first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
 3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
 second weds of each month, 7:30pm

*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest
 - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*

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national, worldwide & other, holidays [here](#) (*warning* some are pretty silly)



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